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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Followup with David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee Staff, on Several Matters Raised in Our Briefings on the Drug Situation

1. I met with David Martin in his office today and provided him with two lists of Hong Kong-registered shipping companies known or believed to be under Chinese Communist control and a list of the ships owned by these companies. I told Martin that the first list included companies which we strongly believed to be under the control of Communist China and the second list included companies on whom there was only marginal evidence of PRC control. I said while both of these lists were unclassified as provided him, our analysis of the companies relationships would have to be classified.

2. Based on information provided by [redacted] I told Martin the recent New York Times article indicating that the ERTS satellite was being used in a way in which various crops could be identified in accordance with a code system was inaccurate. Martin expressed interest in this response and said perhaps something had been developed on this of which we were unaware and that he would check it out with the people in the Department of Agriculture who presumably were the source of the information.

3. Again on the basis of information provided by [redacted] I told Martin the Agency was not preparing a paper about "Castro Cuba" and traffic in cocaine and other drugs. Martin said he would have to check back with his "source" on this but he did not identify the source.

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4. I also told Martin that [] had advised me that, as far as we knew, PRC vessels are as susceptible to search in Western Europe as any other vessels. Martin said he appreciated the fact that legally they were susceptible to search but he understood as a practical matter since the Naples incident, which he had mentioned to [] no searches had been made of PRC vessels. I told him I would check further on this.

5. Based on a conversation with [] I told Martin we thought the map he had requested, showing areas of North Vietnam and Laos and the location of the Chinese road, could be found in the Agency document []. Martin looked at this map and said it did not show the areas in Laos which were under Communist guerrilla control and he would like a map which indicated those areas. (In several of his comments on this subject Martin referred to guerrillas being trained and being supplied by Hanoi and Peking. I think this indicates that Martin is still trying to trace Southeast Asia's illicit drug traffic to Communist China.) Martin said he would also like us to show on the map the location of the Chinese road through the Muong Sing area.

6. When I queried Martin further about the refineries in the Tachilek area which he had discussed with [] he said it was three (not 13) that he understood were in the area which were serving 17 groups. He said he had gotten information about the groups that were being served by these refineries but would like us to give information on their location. I said I would check with [] on these last two items.

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